



06-18-04

3677  
PATENT  
JFW

Attorney Docket No. 223485  
Client Reference No. 492.172  
Date: June 17, 2004

In re Application of: Alan F. Savicki  
Application No. 09/979,525  
Filed: November 21, 2001  
For: CLOSURE DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

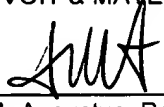
- ☐ Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
TIME EXTENSION PETITION FEE			none		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	
	subtract time extension fee previously paid		none		(\$ 0.00)		(\$ 0.00)	
CLAIM FEE	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE
TOTAL	84	MINUS	84	= 0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT	5	MINUS	5	= 0	x 43=	\$	x 86=	\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/>	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE CLAIM				+ 145=	\$	+ 290=	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT					TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$ 0

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,  
LEYDIG, VOIT & MAYER, LTD.

Leydig, Voit & Mayer, Ltd.  
Two Prudential Plaza, Suite 4900  
180 North Stetson Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60601-6780  
(312) 616-5600 (telephone)  
(312) 616-5700 (facsimile)

By   
John M. Augustyn, Reg. No. 33,589



**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 223485  
Client Reference No. 492.172

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Savicki

Art Unit: 3677

Application No. 09/979,525

Examiner: James R Brittain

Filed: November 21, 2001

For: CLOSURE DEVICE

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10</b>			
I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action and all accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on June 17, 2004, in an envelope as "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV 419248798 US, addressed to: Mail Stop , Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.			
Name (Print/Type)	JUDITH M. BOBER		
Signature	Judith M. Bober	Date	June 17, 2004